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of H. M. Green

# JOURNAL

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## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

### TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

### PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE,

*On Thursday May 25, Friday May 26, Saturday May 27, and Monday  
May 29,*

**1837.**

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## LIST OF CLERGY,

*In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.*

- Right Rev. LEVI SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.
- Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Rev. JOHN BURKE, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern.
- Rev. MOSES A. CURTIS, Episcopal School, Raleigh.
- Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ's Church, Rowan County.
- Rev. ROBERT B. DRANE, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. ADAM EMPIE, Rector of the Episcopal School, Raleigh.
- Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. EDWARD N. FORBES, Missionary, officiating at Pettigrew's Chapel, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. WM. M. GREEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Rev. W. N. HAWKS, Rector of the Griffin School, Newbern.
- Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
- Rev. T. S. W. MOTT, Rector of St. John's, in the Wilderness, Buncombe County.
- Rev. CAMERON F. MACRAE, Rector of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, Christ's Church, Pensacola, Florida.
- Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. HARVEY STANLY, Missionary, St. Thomas's Craven, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, of Banks' Chapel, Granville County.
- Rev. MR. TOLAND, Missionary, St. Thomas's, Bath.
- Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro'.

The Rev. Messrs. EMPIE, CURTIS, BURKE, HAWKS, SAUNDERS, WILEY, JOHNSTON, and TOLAND, were not present at this Convention.



## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES ELECTED TO THIS CONVENTION.

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| James Davis, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. |   |
| Hon'ble R. M. Saunders,                          | } |
| W. H. Haywood, Jr.,                              |   |
| Dr. Thomas S. Beckwith,                          |   |
| James McKimmon,                                  |   |
| W. T. Bryan, St. Peter's Church, Washington.     |   |
| Dr. Thos. D. Parke,                              | } |
| E. S. Hubbard,                                   |   |
| Thomas S. Ashe,                                  |   |
| William E. Troy,                                 |   |

<i>Joshua Skinner,</i>	}	St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
<i>Dr. B. R. Norcom,</i>		
<i>John W. Wright,</i>	}	St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
<i>Charles P. Mallett,</i>		
<i>Charles T. Haigh,</i>		
<i>Edward Lee Winslow,</i>		
<i>Dr. Thos. H. Wright,</i>	}	St. James's Church, Wilmington.
<i>Thomas H. Byrne,</i>		
<i>John H. Holmes,</i>		
<i>Dr. A. J. De Rosset,</i>		
<i>William Chunn,</i>		Christ's Church, Rowan.
<i>Major William Locke,</i>		St. Luke's, Salisbury.
<i>Samuel S. Jackson,</i>	}	St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.
<i>Henry A. London,</i>		
<i>John H. Haughton,</i>		
<i>Johnston B. Jones,</i>		
<i>Hon'ble John L. Bailey,</i>	}	Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.
<i>Hon'ble W. B. Shepard,</i>		
<i>Charles R. Kinny,</i>		
<i>Benjamin Albertson,</i>		

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FAYETTEVILLE, THURSDAY, MAY 25th, 1837.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 21st Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Bishop and attending Clergy assembled in St. John's Church.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The list of the Clergy belonging to the Diocese being called, the following were found present:

REV. JARVIS B. BUXTON,  
REV. GEORGE W. FREEMAN,  
REV. WILLIAM M. GREEN,

REV. T. S. W. MOTT,  
REV. LEWIS TAYLOR.

The Certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table and read. The following Churches were found represented, and the following Delegates elected:

*Christ's Church, Raleigh.*—W. H. Haywood, Jr., Hon'ble R. M. Saunders, Dr. Thomas S. Beckwith, James McKimmon.

*St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.*—James Davis.

*St. Peter's Church, Washington.*—W. T. Bryan.

*Calvary Church, Wadesborough.*—Dr. Thos. D. Parke, E. S. Hubbard, Thomas S. Ashe, William E. Troy.

*St. Paul's Church, Edenton.*—Joshua Skinner, Dr. B. R. Norcom.

*St. John's Church, Fayetteville.*—Charles P. Mallett, J. W. Wright, Charles T. Haigh, E. L. Winslow.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats as members of this Convention, viz: Dr. Thomas S. Beckwith, James McKimmon, Wm. E. Troy, E. S. Hubbard, Dr. B. R. Norcom, W. T. Bryan, Charles P. Mallett, Edward Lee Winslow, Charles T. Haigh, and John W. Wright.

The President declared the Convention duly organized, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Secretary for the ensuing year be now elected; and on counting the ballots, E. L. Winslow was declared duly elected.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green, *Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to half past four o'clock.

Divine Service was performed by the Rev. W. M. Green, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. J. Singeltary, from 1st Epistle to Timothy, 3d chapter, latter clause of the 15th verse.

4½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas F. Davis, Edward N. Forbes, Harvey Stanley, and Cameron F. MacRae, Clerical members of this Convention, appeared and took their seats.

James Davis, a Delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from the following Churches were presented and read, and the following were found elected as Delegates to this Convention, viz:

*St. James's Church, Wilmington.*—Dr. Thomas H. Wright, Thomas H. Byrne, John H. Holmes, Dr. A. J. De Rosset.

*Christ's Church, Rowan.*—William Chunn.

*St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.*—Samuel S. Jackson, Henry A. London, John H. Haughton, and Johnston B. Jones.

Of whom the following were present and took their seats as members of this Convention, viz: Dr. Thomas H. Wright, Thomas H. Byrne, Dr. A. J. De Rosset, William Chunn, and John H. Haughton.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Robert B. Drane, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington, not as yet entitled, be invited to take a seat in this Convention, as an honorary member.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three persons be appointed on the unfinished business of the last Convention.

The following were appointed by the President: Rev. Cameron F. MacRae, and Messrs. Norcom and Bryan of the Laity.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the appointment of the Standing Committees be postponed to Friday.

John W. Wright, Treasurer of the Diocese, made his Annual Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance.—[*See Appendix.*]

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Stanley, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, from the 14th chapter of Mark, 21st verse.



FRIDAY, MAY 26.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Henry A. London, a Delegate from St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, and St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, were presented and read. The following appeared elected Delegates, viz:

*Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.*—John L. Bailey, Wm. B. Shepard, Charles R. Kinney, Dr. Samuel Matthews.

*St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.*—Major William Locke.

Of whom Major Wm. Locke appeared and took his seat.

The President appointed the following to compose the Standing Committees, viz:

*Committee of Finance.*—Dr. Thomas H. Wright, Dr. A. J. De Rosset, Charles P. Mallett, Dr. Thomas S. Beckwith, and E. L. Winslow.

*Committee on the State of the Church.*—The Rev. Messrs. Buxton, Davis, Green, Freeman, and Mott.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed on the condition of the Episcopal School.

The following compose said Committee, viz: Rev. Mr. Singeltary, and Messrs. Haigh, T. H. Wright, De Rosset, and Norcom, of the Laity.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Report of the Rector, and all documents relating to the School, be referred to this Committee.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address to the Convention, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

#### MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

Since we last met in Convention, God, in his wise providence, has removed from the Church on earth, many of those who ministered with us at her altars;—Among whom we recognize, as chief, our much loved and venerated Presiding Bishop. Long had he been spared to bless the American Church, by the extent of his knowledge, the soundness of his judgment, and the purity of his example. But that Omniscient Being, through whose goodness we had enjoyed the blessing of his long life, saw fit, during the past year, to crown that life with a peaceful and triumphant death. It becomes us, therefore, while we cherish a proper sense of our loss, to be thankful to God, that it was thus graciously deferred; and to strive, by prayerful diligence, duly to improve the lessons which it is intended to enforce.

Although the Ministry in our own Diocese has not been impaired by death, yet there is one, till recently of our number, whose removal to another, and we believe better state, deserves, at our hands, some token of fraternal recognition and regard. The Rev. Dr. Avery, long a Presbyter of this Diocese, often the President of its Conventions and of its Standing Committee, possessed qualities that had given him no common place in the affections of the people\* to whom he ministered for about 20 years, and of his brethren who counselled with him for the welfare of the Diocese. His meekness, his great purity, child-like simplicity, and modest, yet well directed labours, added to high mental endowments and acquirements, have reared to him a monument in the Parish of St. Paul's, Edenton, which time will not destroy; and surely, brethren, I have no need to speak his praise in this place, to kindle your admiration, and ensure to him your affectionate and lasting remembrance. Many of you I know, could have wished, had God so ordered it, that his last days had been passed in the midst of those who had acted with him so long and loved him so well, that his grave had not been in a land far off—and that his widowed wife and

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\*The Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

fatherless children had been left among us to receive the testimony of our sympathy and christian fellowship. But our Brother is gone, and we feel that he has gone to the resting place of the just. Let us follow him, in meekness, in purity, in singleness of heart, in faith unfeigned, and ours, through the blood of Christ, will be the happy, the exalted destiny upon which he has entered. Brethren of the Clergy, it is a glorious thing to die a faithful ambassador of the cross! Death is then emphatically, the end of trial, the beginning of a bright and everlasting reward! Who of us will not strive to be faithful unto death?

Since the date of my last Address, I have performed the following duties.

Sunday, May 8th, 1836. I admitted, in Christ's Church, Newbern, the Rev. Edward N. Forbes, the Rev. Cameron F. McRae, and the Rev. Harvey Stanly, Deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

Saturday and Sunday, 14th and 15th, I officiated at Pettigrew's Chapel, Washington County, preaching, confirming on the latter day, seven persons, and administering the Holy Communion. Also, on the evening of Saturday, I preached to a large and interesting coloured congregation, at Lake Phelps, the residence of Mr. Josiah Collins, Jr., who deserves much praise for his persevering and successful efforts to improve the religious condition of his slaves. On this occasion, I baptised one adult and one infant. I was much gratified to perceive, that a very decided interest in favour of the Church had been excited, by the labours of the Missionary in the neighborhood of Pettigrew's Chapel.

Monday, 16th, I officiated, for a small congregation, at the house of Mr. Hoffinan, Washington County, who, by his indefatigable efforts, has nearly completed a small, but commodious edifice, which I expect to consecrate to the service of Almighty God, during my visitation there next month.

Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22d, I officiated in Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, preaching, and confirming, on the latter day, seven persons. This parish has suffered much during the past year, from removals and deaths. To the few zealous friends of the Church still remaining, we look with hope.

Tuesday, 24th, I preached at Hertford, Perquimons county. I have not yet relinquished the hope, that a union of this place with Old Neck, may secure the erection of a Church edifice.

Wednesday, 25th, I performed Service and preached at Williamston, Martin County, where a few friends of the Church have united to ask for the partial services of a Missionary.

Sunday, June 5th, I preached in Christ's Church, Raleigh, confirmed five persons, and examined the children on the Catechism.

Sunday, 12th, I preached to the pupils of the Episcopal School. The rest of the week I passed at the semi-annual examination of the School, and at meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th, I preached in St. John's Church, Williamsborough, and administered the holy communion.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 24th, 25th, and 26th, I preached in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, and on the last day confirmed six coloured persons, of whose sound and scriptural piety were entertained the most favorable opinions.



Tuesday, 28th, I performed Service and preached to a large and serious congregation at Louisburg, and confirmed two persons.

Sunday, July 3d, I preached in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, confirmed five persons, administered the holy communion, and examined the children of the congregation in the Catechism. Here the congregations were large and attentive; and although St. Matthew's has suffered by removals, it still presents, particularly from the great number of young persons connected with it, a most interesting and important field of labor.

Wednesday, 6th, I preached to a small but interesting congregation in St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county.

The next day, in Salem Chapel, I performed Service and preached to a congregation, chiefly of coloured persons, from the plantations of Judge Cameron and Mr. Bennehan.

Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th, I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, confirmed one person, and addressed the children and parents of the congregation. This Parish has a temporary supply of ministerial service from the Rev. Mr. Taylor.

Monday 11th, I preached at Banks' Chapel, where a good congregation, chiefly Methodists, were assembled to hear the word of life.

Saturday 16th, I preached at Haywood and confirmed two persons.

Sunday 17th, preached in St. Bartholomew's Church, confirmed one person and examined the children of the Parish in the catechism. This Parish is increasing in numbers, and it is believed in spiritual strength.

Sunday 24th, I performed Service, baptised six infants, preached, confirmed six persons, administered the Holy Communion, and examined the children in the catechism, in St. Luke's, Salisbury. This Parish has greatly suffered from removals and long intermissions of ministerial service. I am happy to state, however, that they have now a supply in the settlement there of Rev. Thomas F. Davis.

Friday, 29th, performed Service, preached, and baptised nine infants in Christ's Church, Rowan County.

Saturday, 30th, officiated at a funeral of a child in the Parish of St. Luke's, Salisbury.

Sunday, 31st, performed Service, baptised two infants, preached, confirmed 3 persons, (all coloured,) and administered the Holy Communion, in Christ's Church, Rowan County. This Parish is now enjoying for one half the time, the services of the Rev. Mr. Davis.

Tuesday, August 2d, performed Service and preached in the Methodist Chapel (kindly tendered to us) at Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Wednesday, 3d, preached in the Union Meeting House, Beattie's Ford, Lincoln County, and confirmed two persons.

Sunday, 7th, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Burke County, and confirmed two persons. The Tuesday following, I proceeded to St. John's Chapel, with a view to its consecration, but did not perform it, owing to the violent rains. After the Morning Service, however, I preached. The friends of the Church in this neighborhood are few, but might, I am convinced, be greatly increased by proper missionary labour.

Wednesday, 10th, performed Service and preached at Morganton, in this County.

Friday morning, 12th, baptised two children of Col. Avery, who resides about 5 miles from Morganton.

Sunday, 14th, preached at his plantation, at the head of Toe River, Yancey County; and although notice was given late Saturday evening, a large number of persons, many of them manifestly hungering for the bread of life, were assembled, and expressed, after service, a deep anxiety to know more of the way of salvation. I traversed much of that mountain region, which for beauty of scenery, salubrity of climate and fertility of soil, is, I believe, unsurpassed in the known world; but I found there a depth of moral ignorance, which made my heart bleed, and my lips exclaim, "is it possible, that a people so destitute and withal so interesting, are within so short a distance of the most flourishing and privileged Churches of Christendom!"

Sunday, 28th, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, a building styled St. John's Church in the Wilderness, situated at Flat Rock, in Buncombe county, and erected by the liberality of Charles Baring, Esq. I preached on the occasion, and administered the holy communion. A congregation has been regularly organized in this new but interesting settlement, which promises to become, at no very distant time, an important field of ministerial labor.

Sunday, September 4th, I performed Service and preached at the Warm Springs, Buncombe County.

Tuesday, 13th, baptised, at Wilkesborough, three children of Mr. Dodge, of that place.

Sunday and Monday, 18th and 19th, officiated in Rockingham county, and received much encouragement to believe that efficient Missionary services here would be rewarded with a large increase to the Church.

Sunday, 25th, performed Service and preached, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Norwood, in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

First two Sundays in October, preached in Christ's Church, Raleigh; confirmed, on the latter day, ten persons. This Congregation is in a flourishing and advancing state.

Friday, 14th, I performed Service and preached in the Chapel of the University, at Chapel Hill.

Sunday, 16th, performed Service and preached in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,—the Rector being absent.

Sunday, 23d, I preached in Christ's Church, Raleigh.

Sunday, 30th, at Tarborough.

Tuesday, November 1st, at Turner's X Roads.

Wednesday, 2d, at Windsor. The interests of the Church in this region are fast declining from want of Missionary labour.

Sunday, 6th, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Edenton, on occasion of the death of Mrs. Cairns, whose sudden removal from the scene of her duties, can only be regarded in the light of a public loss to the Church, in this Diocese. In the evening of this day, I confirmed five persons.

Wednesday, 9th, preached at Hertford. Delivered an Address at an Adult Baptism by immersion, and confirmed three persons.

Sunday, 13th, performed Service and preached in Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.

Sunday, 20th, performed Service and preached in St. Peter's Church, Washington.

Sunday, 27th, preached in Christ's Church, Raleigh, and the three following days attended the Examination of the Episcopal School.

Sundays, 11th, 18th, 25th of December, and January 1st, preached in Christ's Church, Raleigh.

January 5th, started on a visitation to St. John's Church, Fayetteville, and Calvary Church, Wadesborough, but was hindered from the accomplishment of my purpose, by being thrown from my carriage, which caused a bad dislocation of my shoulder.

Sunday, February 12th, I had sufficiently recovered to preach in St. John's Church, Fayetteville. The Church here I found in its usual prosperous state.

Sundays, 19th and 26th, preached in St. James's Church, Wilmington, on which occasion I confirmed nine persons, and examined the children of the congregation in the Catechism. The labours of the Rector of this parish have been attended with much success.

Sunday, March 5th, I preached in Christ's Church, Newbern.

Sunday, 12th, in St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Having been requested by the Trustees of the Episcopal School, to visit our Northern cities to solicit funds in aid of this Institution, I left Edenton for New York, on Tuesday, 14th March, where I arrived on Saturday, 18th. The following week being Passion week, I did not, during that time, bring the object of my mission before the Churches. In the week succeeding that, however, I did; and met with a response of the most grateful and encouraging character. To a meeting of a few Episcopalians, at the house of Samuel Ward, Esq., I made a statement of facts, showing the wants of the School, and its connexion with the best interests of the Diocese; which was replied to by a unanimous resolution to raise for us in that city \$10,000, and by the appointment of a committee to act with me in carrying the resolution into effect. But at the very threshold of our undertaking, we were met by the sudden and disastrous reverse in pecuniary matters, which has produced such ruin in our Northern cities.

I was advised, under the circumstances, to postpone, for a short time, my application, in the hope that a few days might bring relief. But as every day seemed to place such relief farther and still farther off, it was thought advisable for me to relinquish any further attempt at collections till a more propitious time; when I was assured of receiving every aid necessary, in case of our being able for the present to secure the existence of the School, to place it on an independent footing.

In Philadelphia, I met with the same sympathy and encouragement, and also with the same embarrassments. We are thrown, then, in the present crisis, back upon our own resources. If those who have the means, among ourselves, will come forward and supply the present necessities of the School, I feel confident that we hazard nothing in relying upon adequate assistance, in the course of a few months, from the North, to place our School above contingency. Brethren, your Bishop feels that he has done his part in the present crisis of our affairs, and that it rests with yourselves whether an institution, in whose prosperity I verily believe the interests of the Diocese to be most intimately concerned, shall cease to ex-

ist; or receive from you, in your bounty, your prayers and your patronage, an impulse to increased and permanent usefulness. The time has come when lukewarmness, or mere good wishes, will not do. Something must be done, and promptly done before the commencement of another session, or the Institution will be irrecoverably lost. What that shall be, is for you now to determine. The School is *your own*—its destiny is wholly in your hands.

One remark, however, I have to make in relation to the contemplated Theological department of the School. That, or some other measure, must be put in immediate operation, or our parishes must be without Clergymen. A large and interesting portion of them have already been vacant for many months. Your Bishop has tried in vain to supply them. He has written to other Dioceses—has depended upon other institutions, and he has done so till his heart is sick with disappointment. Something to relieve this necessity must be done, or the Diocese will be, in the course of a few years, wholly destitute of the ministers of Christ. It is a truth I have reiterated again and again in our Conventions, that upon a *native Clergy* alone can we depend for a permanent ministry; and it is a truth which, if we do not soon heed it, will force itself upon our notice by our deserted altars. Look at the following fact, and settle it in your minds, if this be not so. In the short space of five years, the term of my connexion with the Diocese, I have received into my Diocese eleven Clergymen educated out of it, one alone of whom is now with us; while of those Theologically educated within the Diocese, during that period, only one has removed.

The following changes have taken place among the Clergy of the Diocese since our last Convention:—The Rev. Mr. Norwood has removed, with letters of dismissal, to the Diocese of Virginia. The Rev. Mr. Cairns, also with letters, to the Diocese of Georgia. The Rev. Mr. Saunders has removed to Pensacola, Florida, still continuing, however, his connexion with this Diocese. The Rev. Mr. Singeltary has removed from Tarborough and Scotland Neck to the charge of St. Peter's Church, Washington. The Rev. Mr. Mott has removed from St. Stephen's, Oxford, to St. John's in the Wilderness, Flat Rock. The Rev. Mr. Johnston has removed from Calvary Church, Wadesborough, to the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Edenton. The Rev. Mr. Curtis has removed from the Missionary Station in Lincoln and Burke counties, to the Episcopal School, Raleigh. The Rev. Mr. Davis, who was forced for a time, by ill health, to discontinue his labours, has, I am happy to state, resumed them in the parishes of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ's Church, Rowan county.

The Rev. Mr. Drane, I have received by letter from the Bishop of Maryland, to the Rectorship of St. James's, Wilmington. The Rev. Mr. Croes, I have received, by letter from the Bishop of Virginia, to the charge of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, and St. John's Church, Williamsborough; Mr. Croes has been obliged, however, from bad health, to remit his labours for the present. The Rev. Dr. Empie, I have received by letter from the Bishop of Virginia to the Rectorship of the Episcopal School, Raleigh.—The Rev. Mr. Hawks I have also received, by letter from the Bishop of Connecticut, but owing to loss of voice, he has accepted the Rectorship of

the Griffin School, in Newbern. The Rev. Mr. Toland has been received by the proper testimonial, and is engaged at St. Thomas's, Bath.

I have received notice, that in concurrence with my nomination, the Domestic Board of Missions of the Church in the United States, has made the Counties of Lincoln, Burke and Yancey a Missionary Station, with the usual appropriation of salary. I have not yet, however, been able to secure for the Station, the services of a proper Missionary.

April, 25th, I admitted Edwin Geer a candidate for Orders in this Diocese.

Mr. John De Berniere Hooper, owing to the fact that his necessary engagements put it out of his power to pursue theological studies, has requested that his name be taken from our list of candidates for Orders.

The steps recommended by the last Convention, in regard to the plan of systematic charity, have been taken by myself, and so far as the Churches have entered cordially into the matter, the most favorable results have been experienced. I would respectfully suggest, however, that the full benefit of the proposed plan can only be realized by the united and persevering efforts of our Clergy, seconded by our Vestries.

I have noticed with pleasure, that in the appropriation of the moneys collected upon this plan, the general objects of the Church have not been forgotten. Depend upon it, Brethren, our giving a little to the General Missionary Society, the General Theological Seminary, and the other General Institutions, will not diminish our ability to sustain our own Diocese; and we should not forget that the Church is one body and that if one member suffer all the members suffer with it, and if one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

During my last Visitation, I have remarked with peculiar satisfaction, an increased attention to the duty of catechetical instruction. Brethren, may you become doubly diligent in this matter. Upon your fidelity here depend, far more than we are apt to imagine, the preservation of truth, the prosperity of the Church, and the salvation of souls. An interesting work has recently been republished in this country by the Bishop of New Jersey, upon this subject, which I would earnestly recommend to the Clergy and parents of my Diocese.

I had intended to say something in this Address upon the subject of the frequent removals of the Clergy. But I have concluded to waive the point for the present; not, however, without expressing my heart-felt acknowledgments, in this public manner, to some of my Clergy, who, during the last year, have refused calls to highly eligible situations, on the high grounds of *duty to the Church*.

One subject remains, which, with a proper regard to your interests, I cannot wholly omit on this occasion—it is that of the embarrassed state of our country, in regard to secular affairs.

Whatever secondary causes or subordinate agents may have been employed in bringing about this state of things, be assured, dear Brethren, it is the just and sovereign appointment of Almighty God. Our National sins, I doubt not, have invoked this awful chastisement. While we look around with dismay upon the ruin of our earthly things, it may be well to recollect, that an inordinate love of these things was our *sin*—and that the manner in which we receive correction, will probably measure the extent

and proportion of our suffering. If like David, we arise in the midst of our distress, and prepare ourselves and go into the temple of the Lord to worship *Him*, whose claims, amid the seductions of time and sense we had forgotten—if we turn from these dumb idols, this absorbing pursuit of worldly vanities, and seek first the kingdom of God, the period of our suffering may be short. But if we refuse to acknowledge the hand of the Lord God omnipotent in our troubles, refuse to give up ourselves to his service, but plead these very troubles in excuse for thinking and acting only for *self*, we may expect a continuance of them, *in a more fearful and aggravated form*. Beloved Brethren, may you be wise—may you duly consider these things, and by God's grace come to a better mind;—fly to Him for relief, who hath in his wisdom and mercy, bro't distress upon you.

To his heavenly grace I commend you, now and forever.

Your affectionate friend and serv't,

L. S. IVES.

On motion of Dr. Thomas H. Wright,

*Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Episcopal School, be referred to the School Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for Divine Service, to meet at half past 4 o'clock.

Morning Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Thomas F. Davis, from Luke, 12th chapter and 57th verse.

4½ O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Parochial Reports were laid on the Secretary's table and read, and on motion of Charles P. Mallett, were referred to the Committee on the state of the Church:—

### CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

*Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults 5, Infants 28,	33
Confirmations,	14
Communicants—Died 1, removed 9, added 10, present number	70
Marriages,	4
Burials—Adults (5 col'd, 8 not of the congregation,)	16
Infants (1 col'd, 1 not of the congregation,)	6
Families,	48
Adults,	140
Sunday School—Scholars,	62
Teachers,	12
Moneys received—For the Bible, P. B., T., & Miss'y	
Society: Sale of Ravenscroft's Works,	\$37 50
Sale of Bibles, Pr. Books, &c.	12 07

Offerings of the congregation,	245 00
Do. sent by the Bishop,	15 00
For the Bishop's Salary and contingencies,	125 00

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\$434 57

GEORGE W. FREEMAN.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

*Rev. Robert B. Drane, Rector.*

Communicants—Died 2, added 9 whites and 2 col'd,	
present number,	166
Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants, 10 white, 6 coloured,	17
Confirmations,	8
Marriages—white 2, coloured 3,	5
Sunday School—Teachers,	18
Scholars,	104
Bible class,	32
Moneys collected—For Episcopal Fund,	\$100 00
Contingent Fund,	75 00
Diocesan Missions,	200 00
General Missions,	100 00
Parochial charities,	158 58

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\$635 58

The above table exhibits a correct view of all the items usually communicated in this way. In looking over these results of ten months' ministry in St. James's, the Rector feels humbled and mortified at the apparently small amount of good which he has been able to accomplish. Neither his efforts nor success have corresponded with his wishes. He cannot, however, omit to mention, that in his apprehension, there is much in the condition of his charge which wears the aspect of promise, and encourages the hope of better results hereafter. With regard to all the great interests of the Church, the congregation appear to be happily united in feeling and effort. The attendance upon public Worship is uniformly good, and the attention paid to the ministrations of the Rector highly gratifying. During the past year, the Rectory has been put in good repair, and by the liberality of the congregation, supplied with most of the expensive furniture requisite to the comfort of a family. A subscription has also been raised for the purpose of re-building the Church edifice. The disastrous state of the times, however, has for the present, led to a suspension of this highly desirable and laudable undertaking. Owing to the absence of many of the congregation during the Summer months, the Rector could not introduce the plan of systematic charity recommended by the Bishop, until a considerable part of the year elapsed. Three hundred and ninety dollars of the preceding amount, was its result for about six months. In this connexion, it may be proper to mention, the Working Society among the Ladies still continues its praise-worthy efforts, and contributes essentially to the prosperity of the parish.

The foregoing facts, viewed in connexion with the uniform kindness and affection shown him by the people of his charge, constrain the Rector to believe that the field which he cultivates contains much soil that is generous and good. May the Lord of the harvest send down upon it the dews of his grace, so that in due time the fruits of his bounty may be gathered with abundant increase.

R. B. DRANE.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

*Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector.*

Baptisms—Adult, white 1, coloured 1,	2
Infant, white 31, coloured 17,	48
	— 50
Confirmations, none.	
Communion—decrease, by death 4, by removal 14,	18
Additions, white 5, coloured 1,	6
Present number, white 88, coloured 25,	113
Marriages,	4
Burials,	5
Moneys collected for Assessment,	\$175 00
Appropriated to the Missionary committee,	150 00

Through the tender mercy of God, peace and continued prosperity preside over and within this congregation. The communion, however, during the last year, has been sensibly affected by death and removal. Under this loss we are consoled with a lively hope, that the dead enjoy the blessedness of those who die in the Lord, and that the “*scattered abroad*” will prove “good seed” wherever their lodgement may be fixed. This congregation has fully recognized and partially assumed its Missionary responsibilities. The Missionary Register, when completed, will comprehend the baptized infant of days and the hoary head, with every intermediate stage of regenerated existence, and unite the whole in the support of the Gospel.

The female industry of the congregation has extinguished, within the past year, the balance due upon the Rectory; while the lovers of sacred melody have recently procured, and will shortly annex to the Church, an Organ, in every respect highly creditable to their taste, to their zeal, and to their liberality.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Rector.*

### CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

*Rev. John Burke, Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults 2, infants 8,	10
Confirmations—None.	
Marriages,	2
Deaths,	10
Communicants—Removed 1, died 2, added 9; present number,	90



The Rector has himself undertaken, as a substitute for the Sunday School, the catechetical instruction of the youth of his congregation.

Collections towards the Bishop's Fund,	\$150
Rec'd for the Bible, P. B., Tract, and Miss'y Soc'y,	55
JOHN BURKE, <i>Rector.</i>	

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

*Rev. William M. Green, Rector.*

Baptisms—1 adult, 6 infants,	7
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—3 removed from the congregation, 1 dead, 3 removed into the congregation, 3 added, present number,	67
Deaths—1 adult, 1 infant,	2
Moneys collected—For annual Assessment,	\$43 08
Bible, P. B., and Miss. So.	70 00

The general condition of the congregation remains very nearly the same as reported to the last Convention. A comfortable stove has been procured, and a suitable Organ is daily expected. The Rector continues to give his attention to the Sunday School, Bible class, and monthly catechising of the children; and is not without hope that the blessing of God upon these institutions will yet cause his work to revive in the midst of us. The course of Lectures during the week-days, has been suspended for a time. And the Rector is grieved to add, that this congregation, which was the first to lead the way in making "weekly offerings" for the benefit of the Church, is already evincing indifference on the subject.

## CHAPEL HILL.

I have officiated at this place on the second Sunday in each month since the last Convention. No visible effect has as yet attended these labours, yet is there hope that they have not been altogether in vain. Every facility has been extended by the authorities of the College, and the most respectful attention paid to our services by the Students. At this place I have baptised 1 infant.

## ST. MARY'S CHAPEL.

The second Saturday in each month has been given to this little congregation. On Sunday the 31st of April, the communion was administered to 12 communicants.

W. M. GREEN, *Rector.*

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

*Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, late Rector.*

Communicants—Removed 6, died 6, ceased to commune 1, added 15.

Present number—White 41, coloured 14, 55  
 Besides 7 who reside in other places where the Church has not been established, whose names are, in consequence, retained on the parish Register in Edenton.

Marriages,	6
Baptisms—Adult, white 3, coloured 8,	11
Infant, do. 11, do. 61,	72
	— 83
Confirmations,	6
Burials,	16
Collections—For Bishop's Salary, &c.	\$100
Missionary purposes,	100
2 Ravenscroft's Works,	8 50
	— \$208 50

Sunday School—6 Teachers and about 50 Scholars.

The Parish and Sunday School Libraries have been increased.

The system of Charity has been adopted in this parish with more than anticipated success,—the sum subscribed already exceeding \$500 per annum.

100 Prayer Books, a number of Bibles, and a large quantity of Tracts have been circulated during the year, in the parish and its neighborhood, partly at the Rector's expense. For the contribution of 50 Prayer Books, he is indebted to the Bishop White P. B. Society, in Pennsylvania, and for the Tracts to the New York P. E. Tract Society.

There are in the parish about 15 candidates for confirmation, awaiting the visit of the Bishop,—10 are coloured persons. Two coloured persons were confirmed by the Bishop in the Fall. The present number of candidates from that class of our population, together with the increasing number of communicants from the same, and the very large number of coloured baptisms, will evince the interest which has been taken by them in the services of the Church. The Rector has devoted every Sunday night to their Religious instruction,—the white congregation having very properly consented that the Church should be used for their accommodation; and he does not hesitate to give it as his opinion, that the most encouraging prospect of usefulness opened to the ministry of the Church in Edenton, is in the continuance of these services to that too generally neglected people.

The parish may be stated to be in a healthy, and, it is hoped, an improving condition. The late Rector rejoices in his successor, and has no doubt that the parish will continue to improve under his faithful ministry.

WM. D. CAIRNS, *late Rector.*

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH, AND HAYWOOD, CHATHAM COUNTY.

*Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector.*

Baptisms—I adult and 4 children,	5
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—(2 dead, 2 removed, 6 added,)	32
Burials,	2
Marriages,	2

Families,	18
Children publicly catechised, average number,	25
Bible Class, recently renewed, number,	20
Sunday School—Teachers,	7
Scholars,	40

Money collected on the plan of systematic charity recommended in the Bishop's circular, and appropriated as follows:

To pay annual Assessment, 1836-7,	\$30
To the Gen. Prot. Ep. Sunday School Union,	30
To the Bible, P. B., Tract, and Miss'y Soc'y,	70

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\$130

The condition and prospects of the Church are improving in Pittsburgh. Some important accessions have been made to the congregation during the past year.

A neat and comfortable dwelling for the Rector has been commenced, and it will probably be completed by the Fall.

At Haywood, the prospect of organizing a congregation and building a Church, is much less encouraging than at the time of my last report. Two out of the three Episcopal families then residing there, have since left the place; and though our services are treated with respect, there is no reason to hope, under present circumstances, that we shall be able to organize for a long time to come.

I have performed Service and preached once at a place on Deep river called the Gulph, where resides a family strongly attached to the Church; and it is my purpose to give them such occasional services as may consist with my duty to the Church in Pittsburgh.

PHILIP B. WILEY, *Rector and Missionary.*

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

*Rev. John Singeltary, Rector.*

Communicants—White 50, coloured 2,	52
Baptisms—Infants 10, adults 2, coloured infants 2,	14
Assessments—St. Peter's,	\$50
Trinity, Beaufort county,	20
Calvary, Edgecombe county,	20

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\$90

J. SINGELTARY, *Rector.*

#### CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

*Rev. Cameron F. Mac Rae, Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants,	3
Confirmations—White 6, coloured 1,	7
Communicants—Decrease, by death 2, by removal 6, present number,	40

Burials,	3
Marriage,	1
Money collected—For the Assessment,	\$35

At the village of Hertford, where I have officiated on the second Sunday in each month, there have been—

Baptisms—Infants,	4
Confirmations,	2
Moneys collected—For the Assessment,	\$15

CAMERON F. MAC RAE, *Rector and Missionary.*

## CHRIST'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

*Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.*

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, coloured 1,	4
Communicants—Added 1, whole number	77
Burial,	1
Money received—Assessment,	40

I took charge of this congregation in November last. For some time previous, they had been deprived of the services of a minister. It is to be supposed, therefore, that they had suffered in their religious condition. I hope there has been a reaction among them for the better. The Church building is now almost completed. When finished, it will afford abundant room to a large congregation. An ample gallery will be prepared for the use of the coloured people.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

*Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.*

Baptisms—Infant, white	3
Communicants—Added 1, whole number	22
Burial,	1
Sunday School—Scholars,	20
Teachers,	2
Money received—For assessment,	\$30 50

I took charge of this congregation also in November last. They had likewise suffered from the want of Religious services, and from the removal of some of their most valuable members. I wish I could say that the present state of the Church furnished a good hope of better things. But there is little or no appearance, to human view, of spiritual improvement.

May Almighty God pour upon these congregations the abundance of his Heavenly grace. Their Pastor cannot but feel his own insufficiency, and deplore the small apparent fruit of his labours.

Besides my ministrations at the foregoing places, I have preached regularly on every fourth Saturday, and on one Lord's Day, at the house of Mr. Mills, in Iredell county. There are in this neighborhood 18 communicants of the Church, all members of one family. I baptised here three infants.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr., *Rector.*

## CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

*Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, white, 2, infants 5,	7
Marriages—White 1, coloured 1,	2
Death—Infant,	1
Communicants—Removals 4, additions 6. present num- ber, white 24, coloured 5,	29
Sunday School—Scholars,	70
Teachers,	7
Volumes in Library,	38
Moneys collected—For Assessment,	\$30
Missionary Fund,	13
SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, <i>Rector.</i>	

MISSIONARY STATION, WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND  
PARTS ADJACENT.*Rev. E. M. Forbes, Missionary.*

Baptisms—Infants 11, adults 5,	16
Communicants—Removed 6, died 2, added 16, present number,	20
Marriage,	1
Funerals,	8

I have distributed between six and eight thousand pages of Tracts, fifty-seven Prayer Books, and eight Bibles and Testaments.

I have commenced teaching the Blacks committed to my care, orally, in the Scriptures, on a plan somewhat similar to that adopted in Infant Schools. In this way I have so far instructed them in the Old Testament that they can answer the leading questions with accuracy. I have begun the New Testament on the same plan. Many of them are now able to make the responses in our Evening Service, with the exception of the Psalms.

By the praiseworthy and untiring efforts of Mr. Hoffman, a Church has been built in the neighborhood of Plymouth, which will be ready for consecration on the visitation of our Bishop.

E. M. FORBES.

## ST. ANDREW'S, BURKE COUNTY.

Baptisms—White,	4
Confirmed,	3
Collected for Missionary Society,	\$4 75
from sale of Prayer Books,	1 75
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## LINCOLN COUNTY.

Confirmed—White,	2
M. A. CURTIS, <i>Late Missionary.</i>	

## MISSIONARY STATION, BEAUFORT &amp; CRAVEN COUNTIES.

*Rev. Harvey Stanly, Missionary.*

I continued to hold Divine Service at these Parishes till last January, when I found it necessary to give my undivided attention to St. Thomas's and St. Paul's, Craven county.

All of these Parishes remain as they were when reported to last Convention, with the exception of Swift Creek, Craven county, where, by the blessing of Heaven, there are many attached to our doctrines and ordinances; and the hope may reasonably be entertained, that numbers will be added to the Church.

Baptisms—St. Thomas's, Bath, infant,	1
Zion, Beaufort county, infant,	1
Trinity, Beaufort county, infant 1, adult 1,	2
St. Paul's, Craven county, infants 18, adults 3,	21
Newbern, infant,	1
	— 26
Burials—St. Paul's, Craven,	2
Newbern,	1
	— 3
Communicants—St. Thomas's Bath, (as in last report,)	18
Trinity, Beaufort, (1 added,)	19
Zion, Beaufort, (as in last report,)	11
St. Thomas's, Craven, (do.)	9
St. Paul's, do. added,	6
	— 63
Candidates for Confirmation—St. Thomas's, Craven,	4
St. Paul's, do.	6
	— 10

40 Prayer Books distributed at St. Paul's.

H. STANLY, *Missionary.*

## BANKS' CHAPEL.

*Rev. Lewis Taylor, Minister.*

Baptisms—coloured,	3
Communicants—(removed 3)	3
Marriage,	1
Burials,	1
Families,	4

We have the services of the Church regularly every other Sunday only, at this place, and since about the middle of February last, I have on every other Sunday officiated in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

LEWIS TAYLOR, *Minister.*

## EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON, &amp;c.

The Rev. ROBERT B. CROES reports that he commenced officiating in Warrenton, Warren County, in November last, with the expectation of re-

maining six months, or as long as an impaired state of health would permit him to do so. During the six months that he has spent in North Carolina, he has officiated in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, fifteen times on Sundays, and nine or ten times on week days; and in St. John's parish, Williamsborough, Granville county, ten times on Sundays. In Warrenton there have been 2 baptisms, one of an adult. One marriage. Two persons have been admitted to the communion, and one removed. One has been confirmed—the rite having been administered in another Diocese;—others are ready for confirmation. One funeral in Williamsborough. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered several times, in both parishes, and the collections of "weekly offerings" which have been made on these occasions, will be appropriated, for the most part, to the Missionary fund. Three collections in Warrenton amounted to \$35 86; three ditto in Williamsborough to \$18 64;—Total 54 50. *Vestries* have lately been re-organized in both parishes, and from the spirit which has been manifested, it is earnestly hoped that a permanent provision will be made hereafter for ministers, and that in Warrenton especially, the services of a clergyman will be secured for every Lord's Day. It is scarcely necessary to state what is so generally known, that both in Warren and Granville counties, Religion for a long time has been at a very low ebb.

The following Report has been left by the Rev. Mr. Norwood, the late minister, to be transmitted to the Convention:

#### EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Families,	18
Baptisms—Adults (coloured) 2, infants 18, (12 of them coloured,)	20
Confirmed—(all coloured.)	6
Communicants—Removed 1, added 6, (coloured) died 1, present number, (Dec. 1, 1836,)	31
Marriages,	3
Burials, (one of a coloured person,)	3

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Families,	7
Marriage,	1
Baptism—Infant,	1
Funeral,	1
Communicants—Removed 1, present number,	14

(The number at this time, May 1837, is believed to be 12; 3 of them coloured.)

#### CHRIST'S CHURCH, PENSACOLA, (FLORIDA.)

*Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, Rector.*

The subscriber has had charge of this parish six months, for which time the following are the statistics, viz:—

Baptisms—Infants,	4
Confirmations—(No Bishop.)	
Marriages,	3
Funerals—(4 only of the congregation,)	13
Communicants—Number on taking charge 9, added (3 by removal) 8, removed 1, present number	16
Sunday School—Male Teachers 4, Female Teachers 4,	8
Number of Scholars,	40
Volumes in Sunday School Library,	391
Number of families having pews in Church,	42

Christ's Church being the only Protestant congregation in the place, persons of various denominations belong to it;—the above families, therefore, must not be regarded as so many Church families. Besides the communicants stated above, there are 8 Presbyterian and Congregationalist communicants residing permanently in town, who have been uniform partakers at the altar.

Of the 13 funerals, 4 only (2 infants and 2 adults) belonged to the congregation or town; 5 of the others were persons who came in the last stages of their disease, from remote parts of the United States, for the benefit of their health.

The Sunday School Library has been much increased by a present of 80 volumes from "the Ladies Association" of the parish, and by a second donation of \$50 worth of well selected Books, presented by the Hon'ble John A. Cameron. The morning congregations have steadily and materially increased, while the responses have also much improved in distinctness and animation. An afternoon service was begun on my arrival, the attendance on which has also increased, though not near equal to the morning congregation. My engagements in the Academy have prevented me from having any night service during the week, or from forming a Bible Class of young persons; both of which have been suggested to me, and might, from the state of the congregation, be introduced, especially the latter, with decided profit. The Protestant population has rapidly increased, and must now be beyond a thousand; in addition to whose wants, the invalids who have resorted hither, have generally been anxious for spiritual counsel, and have received, with much thankfulness, a large portion of the Rector's time and labours. Indeed, the openings and even calls for parochial visiting and instruction, have been far beyond what my other engagements have enabled me to perform. Upon the whole, the prospects of the Church are encouraging, and it is believed that her most judicious friends are in pretty good hopes.

JOS. H. SAUNDERS, *Rector*.

The Rev. Mr. Green, from the Standing Committee, reported as follows:

#### *REPORT of the Standing Committee.*

The only business of the Committee during the past Conventional year, has been to recommend the Rev. Messrs. Cameron F. MacRae, Harvey Stanly, and Edward M. Forbes for Priest's orders, and to grant to Edwin Geer, the testimonials required to be laid before the Bishop by such as desire to become candidates for Holy Orders.



The resignation of the Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, a member of the Committee, was received. And the committee beg leave to express here their unfeigned regret at losing his valuable services, and their hearty prayers for his success in his present field of labour.

W. M. GREEN, *President*.

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Buxton, Agent and Secretary of the Missionary Committee, made the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

### *REPORT of the Missionary Committee.*

The Missionary Committee of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, respectfully report: First—That in pursuance of the preliminary arrangements between our late Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society, on the one part, and the last Diocesan Convention, on the other part, mutually agreed upon and unanimously confirmed,—the affairs of said society were closed, and the Managers, with the Bishop as chairman, by appointment of the Convention, took new ground as the Missionary Committee of the same. Upon being organized, the committee found themselves in possession of fifty Bibles, 217 Prayer Books, a quantity of Tracts and other publications of approved character, and a sum in the Treasury more than adequate to meet the liabilities of this department.

In a few weeks after their appointment, the Committee held its first session at Raleigh, the Rt. Rev'd Bishop in the chair, when effective measures were taken to close the long standing account with the Protestant Episcopal Press. A special committee was appointed, and by reference to a communication from this Agency herewith enclosed, it appears that a final settlement with the press has been equitably arranged, in which the pretended claim upon the missionary department for a balance of \$436 17, has been expurgated of error, and reduced to the comparatively small sum of \$56 98. This balance is believed by your Committee to be just and true, and, in full and final settlement of all demands, has been promptly paid. It is due, however, to the Press to state, that the Publishing Committee of the Works of the late Bishop Ravenscroft, must share largely in the fault implied in settlements too long delayed, and consequent perplexity in which the account has been involved. It is proper to state also, that the Agencies for the sale of the work, appointed by the Press, and which appointment involves the loss of 79 copies, was made at the instance, and upon the authority of the "Publishing Committee." Under these circumstances, all that could be reasonably expected by the Committee, of the Press, has been readily conceded—that no exertion on its part will be spared to recover the copies or the payment therefor. Your Committee, however, have abandoned all hope of realizing the one or the other.

The funds which have been at the disposal of the Committee during the past year amount to \$1176 01, of which the Committee has appropriated to the payment of Salaries due the Missionaries \$1069 83. In settlement with the Press and its contingencies \$60 25, leaving under the control of the Committee, the sum of \$45 97. For information as to the sources from which funds have been derived, and for the particular disbursements, your Committee respectfully refer to the Treasurer's Report.

To give effect to that feature in the Missionary Department, which provides for the distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts, the Committee have established three depositories, one at Raleigh, another at Fayetteville and the third at Edenton. Two of these Depositories have been partially supplied, and the Committee have voted an appropriation of two hundred dollars for the purchase of Books, and a request to the Bishop to furnish a list of the same.

For the changes which have been effected in the Missionary Stations, the additional claims created in some instances upon this department, and the relinquishment of claims in others, your Committee respectfully refer to the Bishop's official report. The Rev. Mr. Forbes and the Rev. Mr. Stanley, are still engaged within this department. In addition, the following Congregations have been aided in the support of their Ministers: Calvary Church, Wadesborough, Scotland Neck and Calvary Church, Tarborough, St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and Emmanuel Church, Warrenton. The aggregate number of Baptisms reported from these Stations is 54; of Confirmations 5; of additions to the communion 8.

Finally, it is believed and felt by your Committee, that to whatever extent the efforts of this department may have been put forth during the past year, or with whatever success these efforts may be ultimately crowned, they are the operations of a responsible body within its peculiar sphere. In contrast with the distractions which, on this point, have hitherto prevailed, your Committee see in our present Scriptural mode of Missionary effort, matter of deep and heart felt gratulation. The power "to send forth," can pertain to Him only whose inheritance is the Heathen, and whose possessions are the utmost bounds of the earth. "To go" is at once the commanded duty and the glory of the Church. These are inalienable in their very nature. The Church cannot exonerate herself of the duty; neither can she give her glory to another. Her Institutions are the settled laws of the Holy Ghost, and when rightly received, regeneration of the spirit, subordination to the spirit, pardon, peace, and eternal life, are as *actually*, as they are *freely*, conveyed to the souls of men.

In this Scriptural view of the office of the Church; of her delegated power; and of her glory, nothing can be conceived more animating to the hearts of all who love the Lord Jesus and the purchase of his blood, than to *contemplate* the Church awakened from her slumber; her Missionary responsibilities assumed; the field before her; and herself girded about and entering upon the work which her Redeemer gave her to do. Your Committee see in her systematic liberality and missionary exertion, *evidence*, clear, scriptural and conclusive, that her daily evening prayer has gone up, as a memorial before God. That God has been merciful to her and blessed her and showed to her the light of his countenance, and been merciful to her—that his ways might be known upon earth—his saving health unto all people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Sec'y and Agent.*

The Rev. Mr. Mac Rae, from the Committee on unfinished business of the last Convention, reported, that there was nothing which required the action of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, Standing Committee, and Missionary Committee, for the ensuing year. The following were duly elected:—

*Delegates to the General Convention.*—The Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Green, Buxton, and Mingeltary, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Thomas H. Wright, Thomas P. Devereux, Charles P. Mallett, and Edward L. Winslow, of the Laity.

*Standing Committee.*—The Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Green, and Buxton, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Duncan Cameron and Thomas P. Devereux, of the Laity.

*Missionary Committee.*—The Rev. Messrs. Buxton and Freeman, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Charles T. Haigh, John W. Wright, and Edward L. Winslow, of the Laity.

On motion, *Resolved*, That as the Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, a Trustee of the Theological Seminary, has removed from this Diocese, the Convention will now proceed to the election of a Trustee to supply such vacancy.

On counting the ballots, the Rev. Wm. M. Green was elected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the election of the first class of Trustees of the Episcopal School, for the ensuing year.

On counting the votes, the Rev. Mr. Buxton of the Clergy, and Messrs. Rich'd Hines, T. P. Devereux, and Dr. B. R. Norcom, of the Laity, were elected.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

At night, Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Mott, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Drane, from the 13th chapter of Luke, and 22d verse.



SATURDAY, MAY 26th.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Joshua Skinner, a Delegate from St. Paul's Church, Edenton, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Buxton, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

### *REPORT of the Committee on the state of the Church.*

The committee on the state of the Church respectfully report: That upon a careful survey of the documents referred to them by the Convention, they desire to feel grateful that notwithstanding the extraordinary pressure by which the country at large is so sensibly affected, and in the consequences of which the Church must fully share, they discover many pleasing indications of a general, steady progression of our holy cause. Among these, the marked increase over the preceding year in the reported number of baptisms, of confirmations, and of additions to the communion, compensate for some less cheering facts in the circumstances of the Episcopal School. The number of baptisms reported to this Convention is found to be 297;

—of confirmations in congregations thus far visited by the Bishop, 60;—of additions to the communion, 76. In all these interesting particulars, the Parochial reports very advantageously compare with those which have immediately preceded. The number of marriages reported is 32; and of burials 73. The present number of communicants is found to be 753, exhibiting a decrease in the whole number last reported of 281. A part of this decrease has passed into Eternity, but by far the larger portion has swelled the tide of emigration to the South and West. Your committee see no ground of discouragement in this dispersion and consequent reduction of numbers within our peculiar sphere. “The field is the world.” The world to become fruitful must first be seeded,—and by emigration *now*, as by persecution *formerly*, “they that are scattered abroad” are identified with the chosen seed of the Church.

On no one point connected with the Diocese, has your committee discovered matter of more sincere gratulation, than in the evidence afforded of an increasing sense of missionary responsibility. In almost every parish, this awakened sensibility to baptismal obligation, under the guidance of the Bishop, has systematized Christian liberality. They who have freely received begin freely to give; and the missionary stream, once scanty, narrow and perturbed, begins to assume an aspect more worthy of the Church.

Your committee will not close this Report without adverting to an oversight, which, they regret to state, has in some instances been created. We allude to the neglect in the wardens of destitute parishes, to forward to the Secretary of the Convention, in the form of a Parochial report, the existing state of the parish, and also the assessment made by the previous Convention for the support of the Episcopate, and for the contingent fund.—Without these Reports, the real state of the Church cannot be accurately understood, and without promptness in forwarding the assessments, the Episcopate cannot be sustained. Your committee believe that no higher incitement to the performance of this duty need be suggested, than a survey of the consequence, if this license were generally extended where it might as reasonably be found. All of which is respectfully submitted,

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Mr. Singeltary, from the Committee on the Episcopal School, made a Report, which was made the order of business at the meeting of the Convention this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this Convention has heard with unfeigned sorrow, of the death of our late beloved brother, the Rev. JOHN AVERY, D. D.—and that his great worth and faithful labours amongst us, justly entitle his name to the long and grateful remembrance of this Diocese.

*Resolved, further*, That the Secretary of this Convention be directed to communicate a copy of this resolution, together with that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the subject, to his bereaved family.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Buxton, the Convention adjourned for Divine Service, to meet at 4 o'clock P. M.

Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Mac Rae, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Mott, from Numbers, 23d chapter and 10th verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Dr. Thomas H. Wright, from the committee of Finance, made the following Report, which was adopted:—

*REPORT of the Committee of Finance.*

The Committee of Finance has taken into consideration the several matters referred to them, and respectfully report:

That the accounts submitted to the Convention have been compared with the vouchers connected therewith, and found to be correct.

They exhibit a balance in the hands of their Treasurer,

In favor of the Diocese of	\$95 69
In favor of the fund of the Episcopate,	89 70
In favor of the Missionary Fund,	45 93
	<hr/> \$231 32

The fund for the support of the Episcopate amounts to \$8,667 70, of which \$7,400 is loaned to the Episcopal School, and is satisfactorily secured by mortgage on the property of that institution.

The claims of the Diocese for the next Conventional year, to wit:—the Bishop's salary, Missionary stations, and contingent expenses, the committee believe will be fully met by the balance now in the hands of the Treasurer, the interest on the Episcopate fund, the assessments on parishes, and the systematic collections.

For the ensuing year, the committee recommend the parishes be assessed as follows:—[*See Appendix.*]

THOS. H. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

The following Report and accompanying Resolution from the committee on the Episcopal School, was called up and adopted:—

*REPORT of the Committee on the Episcopal School.*

The Committee on the State of the School, report:

That upon examination of the Report of the Treasurer of the School made to the Trustees, and upon an estimate of the liabilities of the School, they find its pecuniary condition greatly embarrassed. The School owes within a fraction of \$20,000: of this sum \$1600, being the amount due for the purchase of the land, and \$7,400, being the amount of the Episcopal Fund, are liens upon the property of the School; \$6000 are due the Bank, having been borrowed upon the personal responsibility of the Trustees. The residue, consisting of salaries and other current expenses of the School, was contracted, it is presumed, by the corporation. It is proper also to state, that the expenses of the School for the last twelve months, have exceeded the receipts for board and tuition by the sum of \$2,000. To enable the trustees to open the School for another session under circumstances which will give even a hope of its continuance for even six months, it is indispensable that the sum of \$5,000 should be raised before the vacation, which will take place on the 15th of next month.

The Committee are unable to devise any specific plan which appears to them practicable and expedient, to meet these difficulties. But as the summer examination of the Scholars will take place on the 12th of next month, and as it is probable many of the friends of the School will be present on that occasion, and as the School must inevitably sink beneath the burden which oppresses, if not relieved by that time,—the Committee recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Trustees of the School, investing them with power, so far as the assent of this Convention is necessary or proper, to act in the premises as to them may seem most conducive to the several interests concerned.

The Committee, therefore, propose the following Resolution for the adoption of the Convention:

*Resolved*, That this Convention give their assent and authority to the Trustees of the Episcopal School, to manage its affairs and property in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interests concerned; first, to sustain and carry on the School according to its original plan, if it is practicable and expedient, if not, then to divert the property to such uses, or so dispose of it, by sale, lease or otherwise, as in their judgment may best comport with the interests of the Diocese and the claims to be protected. *Provided, and it is hereby declared*, That nothing herein contained is intended to waive, or in any manner impair the lien of the Episcopal Fund upon the property of the School.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SINGELTARY, *Chairman*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Report of the Rector, and the documents relating to the Episcopal School, be referred to the Trustees.

John W. Wright, Esq. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese, for the ensuing year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, be held in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, on the first Wednesday in June, 1838.

On motion of E. L. Winslow,

Whereas a crisis has arrived in the affairs of the Episcopal School of North Carolina, and the existence of that Institution, so valuable in its character, and calculated to produce lasting benefits to the Church in North Carolina, depends on a liberal, generous, and prompt effort on the part of the friends of the Church in this Diocese:

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to appoint one or more Agents, to proceed forthwith to make collections in aid of the present necessities of the School, and make report to the Trustees at the ensuing Examination.

On motion, *Resolved*, That 700 copies of the Journals of this Convention be published.

The Convention adjourned to Monday, 6 o'clock A. M.

At night, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Davis, and a Sermon preached by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, from 8th chapter of Luke, 18th verse.

After services, the rite of confirmation was administered to 11 persons.

On Sunday morning, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Drane,

and a Sermon preached by the Bishop, from 19th chapter of Luke, 10th verse. During the services, the holy communion was administered to 160 recipients.

In the afternoon, Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Stanly, from the 7th chapter of Luke, 14th verse.

At night, Service was read by the Right Rev. the Bishop, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, in aid of the Missionary operations of the Diocese. A collection was made amounting to \$200.



MONDAY, 6 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Thomas H. Wright,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that the Rule of the Episcopal School prohibiting the admission of boys over a certain age, is prejudicial to the interest of that Institution, and respectfully recommend to the Trustees to abolish the same.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman,

Whereas, great inconvenience has been felt from the occasional introduction into the congregations of this Diocese, of copies of the Book of Common Prayer, which do not contain the whole book of Psalms in Metre, and there is danger that the inconvenience will be greatly increased in a few years, by the scarcity of the Standard edition of the Book of Common Prayer established by the Church:

*Resolved*, That the subject be referred to the Missionary Committee, with instructions to report to the next Convention.

No other business coming before the Convention, after singing a few verses of the 122d Psalm, and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, *Secretary*.





## APPENDIX.



## RATES OF ASSESSMENTS,

*On the several Congregations, for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, for the year 1837.*

St. James's Church, Wilmington,	\$175
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	175
Christ's Church, Newbern,	175
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	160
— St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange county,	50
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	160
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	50
Christ's Church, Elizabeth City,	50
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	30
Christ's Church, Rowan,	30
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	30
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	30
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	20
St. Thomas's Church, Bath,	20
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck,	30
St. Thomas's Church, Craven,	10
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	30
St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,	40
St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,	30
St. John's in the Wilderness,	30
Zion Chapel, Beaufort,	10
Calvary Church, Tarborough,	20
Missionary Station, Louisburg,	10
St. Paul's, Swift Creek,	15
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	\$1350



with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1836,	By balance on hand per statement read to Convention of 1836,	\$64 43
Apr. 29,	Cash for collections at Convention, viz:	
May 10,	From Christ's Church, Raleigh, for assess't payable May 1836,	175
	Calvary Church, Wadesborough, Do.	25
	Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, Do.	20
	St. Peter's Church, Washington, Do.	50
	St. Paul's Church, Edenton, balance of Do.	54 23
	St. James's Church, Wilmington, Do.	175
	St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange, Do.	50
	St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, Do.	25
	Calvary Church, Tarborough, Do.	20
	Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, Do.	50
	Trinity Church, Beaufort, Do.	20
	St. John's Church, Fayetteville, Do.	175
	Christ's Church, Rowan, Do.	11 50
	St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Do.	37 80
	St. Andrew's Church, Burke, Do.	15 50
	Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, Do.	30
	St. John's Church, Williamshorough, Do.	30
	St. Thomas's Church, Craven, 1835 and 1836,	22
1837,	Christ's Church, Newbern, Do,	300
Feb. 10,	Cash from Treas'r Epis. School for interest on loan to them from 10th Aug. 1836 to 10th Feb'y, 1837,	222
14,	Do. from Bishop Ives, contribution from Christ's Ch. Rowan,	8
	Do. from do. do. St. Luke's Ch. Salisbury,	5
May 25,	Do. from Bank of C. Fear for dividends on 15 shares Stock, viz: July, 1836, Nov. 1836, Jan'y, 1837,	154
		<hr/> \$1739 46
	By balance,	<hr/> \$95 69

J. W. WRIGHT. *Treasurer.*

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*Fund for the Episcopate, in account*

1837.				
May 25.	To securities in Treasurer's hands, viz.			
	11 Shares Cape Fear Bank Stock, at cost,	\$	998	
	15 Shares State Bank Do. 12 per cent, unpaid,		180	
	Loan to the Episcopal School of N. C., pr. receipt,		7,400	
				\$8,578
	Cash on hand,			89 70
				<u>\$8,667 70</u>

Dr.

*Missionary Fund, in account with*

1836.				
May 10	To Cash paid to Rev. Mr. Curtis, salary to 1st June, 1836,		\$100	
	Do. Rev. Mr. Wiley, do.		100	
	Do. Rev. Mr. Stanley, do.		100	
	Do. W. C. Lord, freight of Books from N. York,		50	
July 2	Do. Rev. S. I. Johnston, salary to 1st June, 1836,		50	
	Do. Rev. Mr. Cairns, balance of his account,		69	83
Sept 23	Do. Rev. Mr. Stanley, salary to 1st Dec. 1836,		100	
Oct. 3	Do. Rev. Mr. Wiley, do.		100	
24	Do. Protestant Episcopal Press, New York, in full of their account for publication of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works and Books furnished,		57	26
Dec. 13	Do. Rev. Mr. Curtis, salary to 1st Dec. 1836,		100	
	Do. Freight of Books from Wilmington,		2	49
1837.				
Feb'y 15	Do. Rev. Mr. Johnston, salary to 1st March, 1837,		150	
	Do. Rev. Mr. Cross, do.		50	
	Do. Rev. Mr. Forbes, do. 28th Jan'y, 1837,		100	
March 28	Do. Rev. Mr. Stanley, do. 1st March, 1837,		50	
May 25.	New account for balance on hand,		45	93
				<u>\$1176 01</u>

## SUMMARY.

On hand at last Convention,	\$800 54	
Contributions since received,	375 47	
		\$1176 01
Applied in aid of salaries,	1069 83	
Do. settlement with Prot. Epis. Press, and contingent expenses,	60 25	
Balance on hand,	45 93	
		<u>1176 01</u>

with the *Treasurer of the Convention.*

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1836.			
Apr. 29.	By cash and securities on hand as reported to Convention of 1836,		
	Viz. Cash,	\$54	70
	11 Shares Cape Fear Bank Stock, at cost.	998	
	15 Shares State Bank Do. 12 per cent. unpaid,	180	
	Loan to the Episcopal School of North Carolina,	7,400	
June 10.	Cash from M. C. Stephens, for his 4th instalment,	10	
1837,			
Apr. 20.	Do. from F. J. Cutlar, in full for his subscription,	25	
			<u>\$8,667 70</u>

*J. W. Wright, Treasurer of the Convention.*

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1836,			
May 10.	By amount transferred from credit of the Episcopal Bible, Tract and Missionary Society of North Carolina, being balance of that account, as reported to Convention of 1836,	\$800	54
	By contributions to this fund at Convention of 1836, viz:		
	From Christ's Church, Raleigh,	75	25
	St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,	42	
	St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,	65	
	Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	12	
	Christ's Church, Elizabeth City,	11	
	Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	26	62
	Rev. Mr. Buxton, for contributions in Sampson county,	4	
	Rev. Mr. Curtis, do. Lincoln,	11	19
	Ditto, do. Mecklenburg,	4	65
	Rev. Mr. Singeltary, for collections by him,	12	
	Rev. Mr. Curtis, for sales of Books,	1	25
	Rev. Mr. Burke, for collection at Convention,	74	21
1837,			
Feb'y 13.	Cash from Rev. Mr. Johnston, for contribution from Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	20	
14.	Do. Rt. Rev. Bishop Ives, from Mrs. Sarah Polk,	10	
May 29.	Do. E. J. Hale, for sales of Books,	6	30
			<u>\$1176 01</u>
25.	By balance,	\$45	93

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*



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The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, on the second Wednesday in June, 1838.

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